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THE BRICKLAYERS.

THEY WILL STAND BY THEIR CARPENTERS IN THEIR DEMANDS.

The Draymen's Association Also Offer Assistance to Effect a Settlement of the Trouble.

Winnipeg, May 18.—The Carpenters' Strike committee held a meeting last night with a full attendance. A committee waited on the Bricklayers and Masons' union and placed before them a statement in connection with the attempt of the carpenters to better their condition with regard to wages and hours of labor. A number of points upon which the bricklayers were not clearly informed were explained. The result was a decided manifestation of sympathy with the carpenters and the unanimous meeting of the union has been called for tonight to further consider the situation. It is stated that if necessary the bricklayers and masons will join in the strike. A final declaration in this connection will be made at the meeting tonight.

A large deputation from the Draymen's association waited on the strike committee last evening and proffered their assistance in settling the strike. After some discussion it was decided to summons a meeting of the association for this evening in Trades hall at eight o'clock to consider what action should be taken. The prevailing feeling is to call out all teams engaged in hauling building material and in doing excavating work for new buildings. The association has expressed full sympathy with the movement, and have also offered to do all in their power to hasten a settlement of the trouble.

GLASGOW DOCK STRIKE.

Men Employed By the Anchor and Allan Liners Quit Work.

Glasgow, May 18.—The dock laborers employed by the Anchor line have gone out on strike; 1,500 men are idle. Three Anchor line steamers, two Donaldson line vessels and three Allan liners are blocked. The dockers demand five pence per hour instead of eight pence, the present rate. At the conference the Anchor line officers offered the men nine pence an hour but the representatives of the dockers refused to accept the proposition. At a second conference, however, the Anchor line officials conceded the demands of the dockers.

Buffalo, May 18.—The strike situation here was further complicated yesterday by the action of the firemen on the lake boats in deciding to go on strike at noon tomorrow if the other strikers had not gone out. The firemen's grievances by that time. There are fully 1,000 of these men connected with the Buffalo union and if they go out it will prevent the movement of boats either in or out of the harbor. Anticipating this the owners of several vessels ordered their boats from Buffalo and these boats were now making for Cleveland and other ports in an endeavor to get cargoes.

To Survey the Cable.

Vancouver, May 18.—H. M. S. Egria is now in the harbor on the most important undertaking of her career. She will survey a route for the Pacific cable, one of the largest marine and commercial undertakings in the history of the world. Starting from Vancouver the Egria is provisioned for a long cruise will proceed to Fanning Island and from thence to Australia. The vessel is already equipped with surveying apparatus and appliances and will take several months for survey. The Egria will probably leave Vancouver for Esquimaux to get provisioned on Friday. She will then, it is understood, return to Burrard Inlet and make her start.

Killed by Lightning.

Forest, May 17.—A sad event occurred Wednesday in the home of Angus Greenless, of Alton, in the township of Elphington. While his son Duncan, aged 17 years, was returning to the house after doing his morning chores, he was instantly killed by lightning. His mother was within a rod of him at the time and saw him fall. His body is without mark save a little singeing of the hair and a slight mark on one leg. A black felt hat which he wore was torn, his watch chain burnt, but the watch unharmed. A hole was torn in his shirt, opposite his heart. Both shoes were torn off his feet and thrown a considerable distance. Nineteen years ago a brother of the same name, aged four years, was killed by a train near his home.

C. H. Mackintosh Retires.

London, May 18.—Mr. Chas. H. Mackintosh, formerly lieutenant-governor of the Northwest, who returns to Canada on Saturday, has retired from the directorate of the British America Corporation. He contemplated forming a company in Canada for the sale and registration of the London and Globe, British America Corporation, Le Roi, and other shares.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Friday, May 18.

Government House, Victoria, has been destroyed by fire.

Col. Sir George Langford committed suicide at Bedford, Eng.

Five girls were burned to death by a fire in New York.

The British ambassador at Peking, Sir Claude MacDonald, is very ill.

A letter from Andrew, the explorer, was found on the coast of Iceland.

Duluth striking street-car employees blew up a car with dynamite.

Seven thousand dollars will go to Hawaii to work on a canal project.

Frederic Greenway and Dr. Bell are in Toronto as witnesses in a cattle case.

President Kruger and the British South African conference will confer May 30th.

The Canadian mining institute's men have will visit western Canada in September.

The Chateau Frontenac, the beautiful C. E. Hotel at Quebec, was damaged by fire.

Frank Brown, the pioneer resident of Fort Arthur, died in the 100th year of his age.

S. Wilmet, of Newcastle, N. B., and his brother, died at the same hour, the latter in New York.

Bodine in Arizona object to government vaccination and troops have been sent to force their views.

The postmasters of Paris, France, struck for higher wages, but finally gave in to the government's demands.

Dr. Caven, principal of Knox college, Toronto, with Sabbath observance was expelled from the college.

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The transfer of Manitoba school lands, according to the delegates to the U. S. representatives and the end of the fighting in the Philippines is in sight.

Three men were killed by a premature dynamite explosion in a mine near Duluth, Minn. Last night, was an ex-Winnipeg barker.

The cargo of the North German Lloyd steamer Barbarossa was badly damaged by fire, and the French steamer, La Bretagne, failed to return.

Mrs. Whitehead, in Windsor, Ont., secured a verdict for \$1,300 from the R. R. Co. for her husband, who was killed by a train May 1, 1907.

DINORWIC MINERS KILLED.

Three Men of the Night Shift Victims of a Premature Explosion.

Dinorwic, Ont., May 19.—Three miners, Budd Irish, of Sudbury; Joe Laurin, of Rat Portage, and Quirk, of Wabigoon, were killed last night by a premature explosion of dynamite while sinking a shaft at Gold Rock near here on a claim belonging to the Oxford Mining company. These men were on the night shift and were found dead at seven o'clock this morning. The men were at work in a forty foot shaft on the property, which is about a mile from Goldrock. The explosion occurred when the men were at work. The three men had been warned to be careful when they went to work after supper, as the shaft had blown out or not as there were several other shafts at the same time. Quirk was told to sound it and see if the dynamite was still in the hole, and if so to put another stick on top and fire it again. He said he would. The shaft retired for the night and nothing was known of the accident until early this morning, when the Blacksmith, Jas. Maxwell, went to the mouth of the shaft, where he found the three men dead and gave the alarm. The bodies were taken out of the shaft and attended to as best limited means of the camp allowed, and the foreman started for Wabigoon to arrange necessary matters. He left again at midnight on a steamer to bring the bodies in.

Rat Portage, May 19.—Joseph Laurin, one of the men killed at Dinorwic, was a resident of this town, where his wife and four daughters are now living. The deceased, who was about forty years of age, was a French Canadian. He was for some time proprietor of the Ottawa hotel here, but sold out a little over a year ago and had since been prospecting. He was developing one of his properties when killed. He also lived in Winnipeg for several years, where he managed a larder shop.

Sabbath Observance.

Toronto, May 19.—Speaking on Sabbath observance last evening in Cooke's church, Principal Cayen was somewhat pessimistic. He said the largest and perhaps most influential deputation he ever saw address the Ontario government appeared last year against the Lord's Day Alliance. He enumerated various cases of variance with decisions of eminent judges of the past. It was time for Christian people to speak out or their cause was lost. He was not alarmed, but he could see, looking over the whole horizon, that there are powers and forces at work in Ontario at the present time against the Sabbath that were never working before. An effort, against a combined effort, is being made all along the frontier between the American Sabbath in its worst features.

ARE AT A STANDSTILL.

GRAIN TRADE OF THE GREAT LAKES BLOCKED.

No Telling When Work on the Docks Will Be Resumed—Chicago Shippers Refuse Vessels.

Buffalo, May 17.—There is practically no change in the strike situation along the docks tonight, and the business of the port is at a standstill. An agreement was reached between Contractor Connors and the striking grain shovellers, by which both the men who had stood by the contractor and the strikers were to be taken into the new grain shovelling union. This practically settled all the existing trouble as far as the grain men were concerned, but as they have pledged themselves not to return to work until the grievances of the striking freight handlers, coal heavers, ore dock men and elevator men have been remedied, there is no telling when the work on the docks will be resumed.

In the meantime vessel men and shippers are losing a great deal of money. Millions of bushels of grain are held back at Chicago and Duluth, and although there are vessels to carry it to Buffalo, the vessel owners will not take the risk of having their loads tied up here for an indefinite period.

Chicago, May 17.—Shippers were begging for boats to take grain to Buffalo today but vessel men would not hear of sending any ships to that point until the strike was in better shape. Private telegrams from Buffalo were of the most discouraging nature with no improvement in sight. It is getting as bad as if one of the greatest outlets to the grain traffic in the world was suddenly blotted off the map without warning to prepare for the change.

Little Rock, Ark., May 17.—Forty strikers attacked twenty-five colored rock miners behind a stockade at Mine No. 32 near Huntington today, firing volley after volley at them. The men on guard at the stockade returned the fire, killing one of the strikers, John Wright. One of the guards was killed, and another, James Campbell, seriously wounded. A number of new guards have been posted about the mine and strikers are feared. The colored miners had been imported from Illinois several days ago to take the places of the strikers and had ignored several warnings to leave town.

OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Conference Arranged Between Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner.

Cape Town, May 17.—The Argus, of this city, publishes a dispatch from Pretoria, the headquarters of Transvaal, to the South African republic, saying that F. W. Reitz, the secretary of state confirms the report that a number of unusual arrests have been made there and it is rumored that the prisoners are British officers.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cape Town says that negotiations for a meeting between President Kruger, of the South African republic, and Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner for South Africa, regarding the grievances of Uitlanders in the Transvaal, have culminated finally in an arrangement for a conference, which will probably be held in Capetown.

The Queen's Drawing-Room.

London, May 17.—In spite of the showery weather, large crowds of people gathered in St. James park today in order to see the carriages containing people bound for the Queen's drawing room at Buckingham Palace road to Victoria railway station. The unusual eagerness to peep the palace was due to the hope of the dignitaries of being received by the Queen personally, as generally Her Majesty only receives the diplomats and the first few of the general company and then turns over the duty of receiving to one of her daughters. The Queen's presence was also the occasion for an unusually large assemblage of members of the diplomatic corps.

From the Orient.

Victoria, May 17.—The C. P. R. steamship Express of India arrived this morning with news that the United States has bought three steamers for communication between Manila and Hain. Capt. John B. Jeffrey was court-martialed for looting and discharged at Hong Kong. The language of the ship was also under review. The unusual Chinese junk. An agreement has been reached between Japan and China about the Japanese settlement at Foo Chow. The Americans found \$25,000 in a safe at Malacca after evacuation. It is supposed to be part of the Filipino treasury. Other big finds were made some 120 miles inland. The unusual Chinese junk. A head hunting party near Tokyo.

Caracas, Venezuela, May 15.—General Hernandez, a leader of the revolution of 1898 in Venezuela, who was captured near Caracas on June 12 last has been released.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Thursday, May 18.

A miner was murdered in Attle.

Queen Victoria's chaplain is dead.

The Earl of Strafford's death was decided.

A \$300,000 fire visited the Chicago lumber district.

The British have occupied Suifu Chin in the hinterland.

Connecticut cities were shaken by earthquake shocks.

Marion Brown ("Frog Leg") Brown was hanged at London, Ont.

A company has been organized in Chicago to build steel freight cars.

C. H. Mackintosh has retired from the British America mining corporation.

The Argentine and military will give Admiral Simpson a warm welcome to Halifax.

San Pedro, the Pittsburg residents' capital, was captured by the Oregon regiment.

The dock laborers at Glasgow struck and the Allan and Anchor lines are affected.

The steamship's cargo is ready to start on the Pacific coast survey from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin gave a sumptuous dinner at the Waldorf Hotel.

Queen Victoria laid the corner stone of the Victoria and Albert museum and great enthusiasm.

The freemen in the lake vessels went out on strike and further complicated the situation at Buffalo.

Russia is looking on China granting the Manchurian railway concession and the government had to yield.

The appointment of Prof. Stengel as German delegate to the peace conference is considered a slight to Russia.

The late Senator Hamilton's funeral took place at Russell, Mass. Reference was made to his death in the Dominion states.

The provincial government of Ontario will propose the Dominion government to be able to meet more friendly and financial companies.

Providing is in readiness for the opening of the peace congress at The Hague, and the text of the suggested lines of discussion is published.

CORNER-STONE LAID.

The Queen Lays the Foundation Stone of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

London, May 18.—Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone of the Victoria and Albert museum yesterday. She drove through the streets lined with troops from Buckingham Palace, the royal carriage being escorted by a detachment of the Life Guards. Her Majesty was accompanied by several princes and princesses, and other royal personages met her at the museum, where a raised dais was reserved for them. The ambassadors, members of the cabinet and the leading state officials occupied a pavilion at the site of the museum.

Crowds of people gathered along the route from early morning, and an enormous number had gathered at the time the Queen started from the palace, at 4.15 p.m. The houses along the route were decorated and there were strings of flags across the roads. The sun shone brightly. A gaily-dressed assemblage witnessed the ceremony, which the Queen performed without leaving her carriage and amid much enthusiasm. Her Majesty afterwards took the train to Windsor.

The ceremonies resembled a miniature jubilee. Inside the museum the scene recalled the spectacle at St. Paul's cathedral upon the occasion of the jubilee. The Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Rosebery, all the cabinet ministers and the diplomatic corps were present, nearly all of them wearing brilliant uniforms. The arrival of the ministers in splendid equipages with footmen was very picturesque.

Her Majesty looked remarkably well. She was dressed in black, except for a white plume in her helmet. She took the greatest interest in the mechanical part of the stone laying, taking lengthily with the Prince of Wales on the subject. The Queen was seated in a four-horse open carriage, with Scotchmen on the rumble and escorted by outriders. The National Anthem was sung by pupils of the Royal College of Music and afterwards a madrigal, especially composed by the poet laureate, Mr. Alfred Austin, was sung to music written by Sir Alexander Mackenzie, principal of the Royal Academy of Music. The Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, read the prayers.

Sir George Child, the celebrated locksmith, presented the socket to be placed by the Queen under the foundation stone under Kensington museum. It is made of beaten copper, with gold enrichments and has an oblong design surrounded by an imperial crown on a cushion. The front is divided into three panels, the centre containing a laurel wreath with a scroll on which are the words "South Kensington Science and Art department." On the upper part are devices relating to pictorial arts. The interior is lined with royal blue velvet. There is a small gold key of elegant design bearing the initials "V. R. L." with a crown above them.

Chicago, May 18.—Almost half a million dollars worth of property was destroyed yesterday by a fire in the lumber district. The flames were confined to the block bounded by Leomin and Laflin streets, and First Place and Second Street. The chief losses were sustained by Gunderson and Son. It is estimated that they will suffer to the extent of \$450,000.

Canby, May 18.—The property owners of this village voted on a bylaw today for \$1,000 to bonus a four mill. It was carried, 163 voted, 99 for and four against.

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J. D. O'BRIEN

148 Princess St., Winnipeg.

GRAIN AND STOCK BROKER.

Private wire connection with all markets.

Grain bought and carried on margin.

Correspondence solicited.

THE MARKETS.

Winnipeg, May 19.—The local wheat market has improved during the past week, number one hard at Fort William being quoted at 74 cents, which is an advance of 3 cents since last Friday. The strike at Buffalo is still unsettled and interferes greatly with lake shipments, only about 750,000 bushels having cleared thus far this season and a little over 3,000,000 bushels remaining in store.

American markets have displayed considerable firmness owing to the deterioration of the winter wheat crop, due to the prevalence of the Hessian fly and chinch bugs in many localities. It is pretty generally conceded now that the present winter crop promise is under rather than over 300,000,000 bushels, with the chance of much further reduction if the insect damage is as great as reported. The spring wheat condition and promise is almost perfect and the acreage about the same as that of last year. The foreign crop news is less favorable than it has been, especially from Roumania, where drought is said to have destroyed fully half of the crop. The Russian crop is also said to have suffered severely from the same cause.

The market situation looks healthy and wheat should be a safe purchase on any setback in prices.

J. D. O'BRIEN.

Chicago, May 20.—Wheat, May 22; July, 74; Sept. 73.
Corn—May 22; July, 33; Sept. 30.
Oats—May 27; July 23; Sept. 20.
Pork—May, 49.20; July 48.35.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1 hard, Fort William, 74c.
Flour—Ogilvie-Hungarian patent, \$1.85; Glenora, \$1.60; Manitoba strong bakers, \$1.30; Lakeland of the Woods, Patent, \$1.50; No. 2 hard, \$1.25; strong bakers, \$1.25; XXXX, \$1.25 per sack of 56 pounds. Discount of 5c per sack to dealers.

Malted—Barley, \$1.00 per ton less ton in bulk; Lakeland, \$1.00 per ton less ton in bulk.

Ground Feed—Good old chop, \$2.10 per ton; mixed barley and oats, \$1.40 to \$2.00; wheat mixtures, \$1.00 to \$1.40; Old cake, \$4.10 per ton; ground corn, \$1.80 to \$2.00 per ton.

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BIG FIRE AT DAWSON.

CAUSED BY UPSETTING A LAMP.
LOSS OVER \$4,000,000.

One Hundred and Eleven Buildings Consumed, and Forty-Five Without a Fatality.

Victoria, May 22.—The expected has happened. The great fire, long threatened, has overwhelmed Dawson City, and nothing is left of the centre of the Klondike metropolis save a heap of costly ashes. Fortunately, the big warehouses of the commercial companies escaped unscathed, but one hundred and eleven buildings, large and small, were consumed ere the fire turned itself out. This fire was caused as was the predecessor that all but obliterated the town, through the upsetting of a lamp by an inmate of a sporting house. The loss is estimated at over four million dollars, fortunately without a fatality.

April 26 was the date of the fire. Early the following morning L. F. Humes, son of ex-Mayor Humes, of Seattle, accompanied by Thomas P. Reilly, the government messenger, and a companion named Tokales, started for the outside, with the news, over a trail that a majority stated meant certain death. They also carried the report, just closed, of the royal commission, and after such adventures as few men survive, reached here last night, their passage up the trails having been made with mounted police relays and the best dogs that the force could put at their disposal. At many places they found open water, and they were forced to pick a way through a wilderness, yet they did it, and made Skagway in eighteen days.

The fire commenced in the very heart of the business section at 3 a. m., the initiation point being a cabin close to the opera house on the water front strip. An abortive attempt was made to extinguish the blaze before an alarm sounded, and the delay thus caused gave the fire headway. When the brigade turned out they found the conflagration beyond their power to subdue. A strong north wind was blowing and the fire travelling in sheets and clouds rather than flames, swept all the buildings in the way along the main thoroughfare down to and including Donohue & Smith's establishment, the razed area including all the waterfront buildings abreast of the same blocks. Within half an hour the fire had crossed the street twice, burned through and spread to Second street, every important building in what is known as the business section being eaten up. The firemen after the first half hour's work accepted the inevitable, abandoning the endeavor to extinguish the mad torrent of the flame, and devoting themselves to the salvation of property in the buildings, as yet comparatively removed from the sweep of the fire. Not a single building was left from Timmins Royal cafe and opposite the Fairview hotel. In this district were all the structures erected in 1897 and 1898. Not a pioneer building was left. When the conflagration appeared in the town, ordinary citizens became panic-stricken, and even when they could have been of service, rushed madly toward the hills back of the town, stopping to stand in petrified terror, gazing idly upon the destruction of their all. Among the most prominent of the firms burned out were the bank of British North America, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, McCallan and McPeck, Vancouver and Dawson, Parsons Prospector Co., of Winnipeg, the Royal Cafe, Donohue and Smith, the Aurora saloon, the Badger, the Madden House, the Victoria hotel, the McDonald block and the California Exchange. There was no insurance. The stocks of commercial companies will be severely taxed to meet the demand for necessities, and the private stores, food and clothing been totally destroyed within the radius of the fire. It is impossible for any pretentious effort for the rebuilding of the city to be made until navigation opens, for there is not three thousand feet of rough lumber in the district. Materials are all equally scarce, the hardware stores carrying axes, nails, shovels, doors, glass for windows, etc., having been among the first to fall. Doors were quoted at \$25 to \$40 each with \$10 extra for locks, in a very limited quantity the morning after the fire.

PORT ARTHUR NOTES.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 22.—J. T. Emerson is rebuilding the Cordingley brown stone block on Cumberland avenue. He will have the finest hardware store in Algoma in it.

Arrangements are being made to send a big deputation to Ottawa regarding the various public improvements wanted in the district.

THE BELMER FAILURE.

Montreal, May 22.—The liabilities of J. A. Belmer & Co., lumber merchants, who have assigned at the instance of Atwater and Duck, advocates, amount to over \$200,000, made up as follows: Direct, \$167,454; indirect, \$32,546, secured. Of the Nelson's bank \$10,500 of assets consist of lumber.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Monday, May 22.
Lord Salisbury will shortly be offered a dukedom.
J. A. Belmer & Co., of Montreal, assigned for over \$200,000.
Hendrick Butterfield, son of the late Sir Henry Butterfield, will leave him undisturbed for stage work.
The Alaskan boundary question will now be settled by arbitration.
Many lives were lost by the wreck of the *Comet* on the Australian coast.
A ship, was wrecked on the coast of Alaska and a number on board perished.
The Australian cricket team defeated the south of England representatives.
The steadily falling of the American line was wrecked in the English Channel.
Miss Annie Hudson of Winnipeg, attempted suicide by taking carbolic acid.
No results have yet come of the conference between the U. S. and the British governments.
The court of session will meet on May 25th to go over the *British* evidence.
Four miners were killed in the *Way* Eagle mine, Louisiana, by an accident to the hoist.
The attempt to secure an armory of the U. S. was engineered by Boers.
The invitation to a New York regiment to visit Great Britain is a popular one.
There was an increase in Canadian trade for the last ten months over 1898 of \$1,221,241.

Dealers at Montreal social club are on trial for allowing marked cards to be played in their rooms.
Mineral water called for home on the trip home was carried a grand record off by U. S. and British sailors.
Winnipeg City was visited by a conflagration on May 20th. All the houses within the town were destroyed and the loss will be over \$4,000,000.

AT THE HAGUE.

President of the Arbitration Committee, Mr. de Meuse.

London, May 22.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at The Hague says: "The chairmanship of the arbitration section, I understand, has been offered to and accepted by Sir Julian Pauncefote who, with the delegates of the United States and several minor powers, will insist upon a permanent court of arbitration which will be the great success of the conference."
The Hague, May 22.—The second sitting of the peace conference took place this morning and lasted thirty-five minutes. The president of the conference, Baron De Stael, read the reply of the Czar and Queen Wilhelmina to the telegram sent them by the conference on Thursday. The president then addressed the delegates on the subject of the laborers' before them, and it was decided not to publish the speech.

Was It Suicide.
St. John, N. B., May 20.—The city was greatly excited on Thursday night over the tragedy at the Falls. Two men were seen in the afternoon crossing the suspension bridge, when one deliberately jumped over and was quickly swept to death. The man who was with him disappeared, and no one seemed to know who the unfortunate victim was, or whether it was a case of suicide or of foul play. Yesterday the man's companion was located, and he declared he did not know the man and that he came up to him on the road and walked on the bridge. The man had declared that he could swim faster than tugs or vessels, and deliberately jumped over. The drowned man is named Thomas Morris, aged 28, and was employed in selling books and maps. He is supposed to have been temporarily deranged. He has been missing from his home since Thursday morning. A few years ago Morris spent a short time in asylum.

Condensed News by Wire.
Cambridge, Mass., May 22.—James C. Harris, treasurer of the Union Pacific railroad, died at his home here Saturday morning.
Warsaw, May 22.—The town of Porosow, in the government of Warsaw, has been destroyed by fire. Twelve lives were lost and 2,000 people, driven from their homes, are now camping in the fields. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.
Ottawa, May 22.—D. C. Fraser will lecture in Chicago on May 24th. He was also asked to go to New York but he had to decline. He left Saturday night for Toronto and will speak in Middlesex at noon on Tuesday and in Chicago on Wednesday.

Toronto, May 22.—Lizzie Hartford, aged 22, living with her parents, respectable people, on Spadina avenue, committed suicide last night by taking strychnine. She had been ruined and dreading the disgrace she had brought on the family, became very despondent. Doctors arrived before her death, but could not save her.

Seattle, May 22.—The news of the wreck of an unmanned ship, in one of the dangerous inland passes between the island and the mainland of south-eastern Alaska, is reported by an officer of the steamship *Albatross*. Those who are supposed to have perished are Blanche Lamotte, an actress of San Francisco, the wife of Junfan, and Fred Kluge of Junfan.

ONLY A CANARD.

Belleville, Ont., May 22.—The reported murder of a party of Prince Edward county men by Indians in Attlin district proves to be false, the wife of Leslie Parmenter, one of the men has had a letter from him in which he states that all are well and doing well.

SEAMEN ON STRIKE.

GRAINMEN WANT CONNOR'S CONTRACT CANCELLED.

Buffalo Grain Shovelers Need More Funds.—The Chicago Board of Trade Takes Action.

Buffalo, May 20.—The striking grain handlers, to the number of about 3,600 men on Elk street last night and amid the wildest excitement passed resolutions denouncing the officers of their union, Bishop Quigley and others who had endeavored to bring about a peaceful settlement of the trouble. President McMahon, of the Grain Shovelers' union, was instructed to stop all negotiations with the contractors or the Lake Carriers' association; rent an office on the docks and remain in it until the officers of the Lake Carriers' association came to him, and said they were willing to cancel Mr. Connor's contract and deal directly with the men. The striking freight handlers also met and took similar action. To say that the situation along the docks is a most critical one hardly does credit to the real state of affairs. The business of the port is absolutely paralyzed and the strikers are becoming more and more desperate as the days go by. Hundreds of them are in absolute poverty. Led on by several outsiders who have no interest in the strike whatever except to gain a political advantage, the men are liable to do anything. The International Seamen's union decided yesterday that they would take a hand in the trouble. Some of the members have been engaged in unloading cargoes of grain and the union has decided that this must stop, so a committee is tonight visiting all the boats in port, calling the sailors out on strike.

Chicago, May 20.—Chicago shipping has almost reached a standstill. As a result of the strike at Buffalo the grain shovellers or "trimmers" at Chicago docks have been idle, and the strike in Buffalo has cut off the wages of hundreds of men here. Complaints about the effect of the strike have been heard on every hand recently. "It has simply ruined the business on the river," said Captain J. R. Sinclair, general manager for the Dunham Towing company.
The Chicago board of trade directors today passed the following resolution and telegraphed the parties interested at Buffalo: "Resolved, that it is the sense of the board of directors of the board of trade of the city of Chicago that the contractors of the Grain Shovelers' association be immediately abrogated and the normal conditions affecting transportation on the great lakes and the unloading of cargoes at Buffalo should be instantly restored."

Cleveland, May 20.—The dock strike at Buffalo has seriously impaired the commerce of the great lakes. Its direct manifestation is the scarcity of boats for the coal and ore carrying trade, and already the shipping of coal and ore is ten days behind what it should be. Every day the strike continues increases the delay and piling up of loss. A long continuance of the strike means disaster to the steel and iron business of the country.

RAILROADS PURCHASED.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy New Contract Nine Other Roads.

Chicago, May 19.—The nine railroads, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy company have been operating under a lease for years have been bought outright by this corporation and hereafter will be parts of the big system. The following are the roads whose stock and franchises have been sold to the Burlington. The Illinois Valley and Northern, the Galena and Rio, the Chicago and Iowa, the Peoria and Hannibal, the Ottawa, Osgoos and Fox River Valley, the Illinois Grand Trunk, the American Central, the Quincy and Warsaw, and the St. Louis, Rock Island and Chicago.

Recently the directors of the Burlington authorized the placing of \$85,000,000 mortgage on the system, but this mortgage could not be given on the leased lines until they were owned by the Burlington. In order to place these bonds on the market, the outstanding stock with the franchises of these nine roads were bought. What prices were paid could not be learned.

A Lumber Boss Stabbed.

Fredericton, N. B., May 20.—A brutal murder was committed at Green Hill, thirty miles from here. Wm. McLean, a lumber boss for James Humber, was stabbed to death by Alfred Glover. Both men are said to have been drunk. The murderer has been arrested. Glover has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

LOSS OF THE ACADIAN.

Halifax, May 20.—The court of inquiry which investigated the loss of the Allan steamer *Acadian* at Louisbourg, N. B., rendered a decision today. The captain was found responsible for the loss of his ship, and his certificate was suspended for six months.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Saturday, May 20.
Earl McMahon died from apoplexy. The late Baroness Hirsch gave £20,000 to charity.
The C. B. and C. line now controls nine other Chicago railways.
A rich vein of ore has been discovered on a South Dakota ranch.
The U. S. government is sending three companies of infantry into Alaska.
The British Indian troops in the St. Regis trouble have been liberated.
All the U. S. volunteers in the Philippines will be home in two months.
China has asked Japan assistance to force the Germans out of Shan Tung.
E. M. Goetzperth has been appointed superintendent of Vancouver schools.
The courts decided that the town of Santa Fe belonged to the U. S. government.
The czar is considering the advisability of abolishing Siberian transportation.

President Kruger has no proof that the Johannesburg prisoners are British officers.
Over fifteen persons were burned to death in the county of Beauce, Que., in two weeks.
The Anglo-American association will meet the peace congress to settle the Armenian question.
A corporation has been formed to control the tug boats on the great lakes from Buffalo to Duluth and Chicago.
A motion to dismiss the charges against Mr. Holmstrom in the Ontario election case, were not allowed.
The New South Wales government has asked the U. S. government to buy a joint ownership of the Pacific cable.
The court of enquiry has found the captain responsible for the loss of the British liner *Arcturion* at Louisbourg, N. B.
Ed. Mulvihill and his assistant, Louis Jewell, who carried mail from Waukegan to Fort Frances, were drowned in a heavy lake.
The prosperity throughout Canada has caused the curtailment of the needs to the development of Ontario mining claims. There were more applications this spring for claims than ever before.

VIOLENT DEATHS.

Over 15 Persons Burned to Death in Two Weeks in County of Beauce, Que.

Montreal, May 20.—The county of Beauce has been the scene of an extraordinary number of fires, drownings and accidents of various sorts recently. Dr. Savard, coroner for the district, was obliged to call the attention of the government to the circumstances, and especially to the faulty construction of the houses. Last Thursday one of the houses in the concession of Hampton was destroyed by fire, and three young children were burned to death. At St. Theophile, four adults and one child were burned to death in the house at midday. Madame Cloutier, who is now confined in an insane asylum, burned to death her four children. At St. Frederic another insane man threw himself into a burning barn. About fifteen days ago, the charred remains of two men were found in the ashes of a sugar cabin at St. George de Beauce. About three weeks ago the five year old child of M. P. Beaudoin, of Scott, was drowned in the St. Lawrence. The body of Charles Earlean was found buried in a sewer. In fact upwards of fifteen persons were burned to death under similar circumstances in Beauce in less than a month.

The Carpenters' Strike.

Winnipeg, May 20.—As a consequence of the carpenters' strike not being settled fully one thousand men are standing out for their rights this morning. The number totals up as follows: Carpenters, 340; plumbers, 40; bricklayers and masons and stone-cutters, 220; team owners, 120; teamsters, 200; laborers, 70 men. When the strike of the carpenters was announced three weeks ago there were only sixty-one men with whom the contractors had to deal. A number of people at that time criticized the action of the men and made many gloomy prognostications saying that the men would be back to work in the course of a week. Today they have over 1,000 men to deal with.

A Rich Vein of Ore.

Deadwood, South Dakota, May 20.—A vein of ore carrying \$10,000 in free gold to the ton has been discovered on a ranch near Custer City. It is the first quartz that has been found in the vicinity. The find has created excitement in Custer, which amounts almost to a stampede. All the surrounding country is being staked off and located.

VALUELESS IN FRANCE.

St. John's, Nfld., May 20.—The French have been operating only six lobster factories and eleven cod fishing stations on the Newfoundland shore this far this season, against thirteen lobster factories and eleven cod fishing stations operated last year. The men employed now do not number 400. These conditions are the best illustration of the comparatively valueless character of the whole territory to the French.

CHOLERA AND PLAGUE.

London, May 20.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Allahabad, the capital of the northwest provinces, that a serious epidemic of cholera has followed the wake of the plague. At Kurrachee, the principal seaport town of Sindh, the dispatch adds, there were 64 deaths yesterday from cholera.

St. Thomas, Ont., May 20.—Albert Smith, teamster, who lived three miles out, but was well known in the city, fell down stairs in the Victoria Hotel last night and was killed. His neck was broken.

FROM THE HAGUE.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE TO THE CZAR.

M. De Beaufort Delivers an Inaugural Address and Welcomes the Delegates.

The Hague, May 19.—The peace conference, called by the Czar of Russia, opened at 2 o'clock in the hall of Ten Boech, or the House in the Water, two miles from The Hague.
M. De Beaufort, president of the council and minister of foreign affairs, in the government of the Netherlands delivered an inaugural address and welcomed the delegates.

M. De Beaufort spoke of the high honor in the choice of The Hague as the meeting place of the conference and extolled the noble initiative of the czar, saying that this was a red letter day in the history of the century, and expressing the hope that his majesty would be able to look back at today as the most glorious of his life. He concluded with calling attention to the clerical group over the doorway hall. Peace entering and closing the temple of Junus, and said:

"I trust this beautiful allport will be a good augury for your labors, and after you have completed them you will be able to say Peace, when I introduced into this hall, let it speak its blessings among the whole of humanity."

Washington, May 18.—The following cablegram has been addressed by President McKinley to the Emperor of Russia on the occasion of the opening of the disarmament conference:

"On this day of good omen I send my heartfelt congratulations on the opening of the conference at The Hague which had its origin in the enlightened and generous initiative of your majesty."

MINERS STARVING.

About 400 Persons in a State of Distress on the Liard and Dease Rivers.

Ottawa, May 19.—The attention of the department of the interior has been called to the statement made by the Hudson's Bay company's inspector at Cassiar, British Columbia, and the provincial government's agent at Glenora to the effect that about 400 persons, many of whom are Americans, were in a state of destitution and sickness on the Liard and Dease rivers and Dease lake, caused in a great measure by exposure and starvation, and in general were suffering very greatly. These people were overtaken by the winter in endeavoring to reach the Yukon and their supplies became exhausted. It is believed they were beaten by the obstacles to travel in the uninhabited country through which they had to pass, having gone to Edmonton, N. B., and were unable to proceed. The report seemed to be authentic having first been communicated by Premier Semlin, of British Columbia, and the department of the interior has immediately taken steps to make an arrangement with the Hudson's Bay company by which supplies should be sent by steamer up the Stikine River to Telegraph Creek, and from there by pack train. These supplies are going forward as fast as possible to relieve the distress.

Reprimanded the Bishop.

Buffalo, May 19.—The strike of grain shovellers, freight handlers, dock men, elevator machinists and coal heavers, has developed into a struggle between Bishop Quigley and the strikers. Last night the bishop sent a promise from all of the men who were on strike that they would accept the concessions that he had accepted for them and would return to work when he gave them word. Today, however, a few of the more hot head leaders of the grain shovellers, notably President McMahon of the Grain Shovelers' union, succeeded in getting the men to renege their agreement with the bishop and tonight the prospect of a settlement of the trouble is more remote than ever.

Today at noon the firemen of the Lake boats made in port struck and swore that they will not return to work until the grievances of the other strikers are settled. A public investigation into the cause of the strike is being held by the state board of mediation and arbitration and at this investigation the fact was brought out that after the fact that not only the port of Buffalo but the entire commerce of the lakes is in danger of being permanently crippled by the strike. Gibson C. Douglass, of the Western Transportation company, testified that vessel owners already had sustained a loss of over \$100,000, that agents were refusing to load vessels for this port and that the commerce was being driven into other routes. He said that as a result of the strike, western grain shippers had to cover that they could ship grain by rail from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio sections cheaper than it could be shipped by lake to Buffalo. He said that if the strike was not settled, the lake route would be a good portion of the lake commerce would be permanently destroyed.

LOCAL NEWS

Quiet 24th.

Qu'Appelle was very quiet yesterday. A number of our wheelmen took a spin to the Fort during the day.

Consolidated Ordinances.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Consolidated Ordinance from the North-west government.

Stock Inspector.

Mr. J. A. Lidgate has been appointed Stock Inspector for this place by the Agricultural Department of the North-west government.

The death is announced of John A. Cameron of Stadacona Hall, Ottawa, at the age of 78 years, an uncle of the Messrs. MacCauley of Qu'Appelle and Indian Head. In politics Mr. Cameron was a Liberal and in religion a Baptist.

Council.

The municipal council have appointed two weed inspectors viz F. G. Whiting for district No. 1, on the north side of the railway track, and J. C. Starr, district No. 2, on the south side of the track.

More Doukhobors.

Last week over one thousand Doukhobors arrived in Manitoba and the Territories. In about another week two thousand more are expected, and still later on six hundred more.

Methodist.

The pulpit of the Methodist church here and at Edgeley was occupied by Mr. A. M. Dale, while the Rev. Mr. Galley took charge of the Indian Head circuit work for the Rev. Mr. Burrows, who was too ill to attend to the work.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The twenty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, will be held at Regina, N. W. T., on Wednesday the 14th day of June next, at ten o'clock forenoon in the Masonic Hall.

W. A. & A. A.

The Western Art & Arts Association, Brandon, have issued their prize list for 1899. It does credit to the Sun publishers. July 18 to 21 are the dates for this event which promises to surpass all previous exhibitions in that town. Write for a list to Capt. T. J. Clark, Manager.

Well Deserved.

The following item, appearing in last week's Vidette, aptly describes the sentiments of many in this town. It is a well-merited eulogium. Mr. Barford is a musician of no mean calibre and we can testify to the pleasure his many friends have received in listening to his able rendition of classic and other selections.

Quite a number of our citizens have had the pleasure of enjoying every Monday evening during the long winter months an impromptu musical concert in the parlors of the Royal Hotel. That is the day Vernon W. Barford of Qu'Appelle Station visits our town. It is needless for us to say that Mr. Barford is one of the best musicians in the west. Everyone who has ever heard him acknowledges that. Unlike most good players, he is very generous in the matter of entertaining his friends and these latter, knowing this, repair every Monday evening to the parlors mentioned and spend a few hours in song and instrumental music. We almost envy Qu'Appelle in having as a citizen as talented a musician as Mr. Barford, but as we cannot have him as a permanent resident, we can express pleasure at least in being favored with his frequent visits.

Write to: An Appliance to learn, purchase and re-construct. Apply to W. C. Harrison.

Get your horse bills or cards printed at The Progress office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Farmers' Union of South Qu'Appelle will be held on Wednesday the 24th day of June, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M. in the hall at Indian Head.

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PERSONALS

D. Brown spent the fore part of last week in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Grieve went east Tuesday night to visit her sister at Melita. Mr. J. J. Smith of Lebrét, passed through here early Monday morning.

Mrs. Bulyea and Master Percy Bulyea of Regina, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Gishorne, of Winnipeg, is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. W. Rowe Harvey.

Mr. Wm. Henley visited Indian Head on Monday in connection with Central Assn. Ag. Society business.

Mr. H. Jagger was in town on Sunday, and, strange to say, was fortunate enough to catch a freight for the return trip the same day.

Edgeley Echoes.

From another correspondent.

Messrs. Gore and Lindsell, who recently arrived from Whitewood, are now breaking on their land, which they bought from the Edgeley estate. They also intend having a house erected on their land.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tait started last week on a trip to Weyburn, to visit their numerous friends, and also to spy out the land, which, we hear, ere long will be flowing with milk and honey.

In the absence of our pastor last Sabbath, Mr. Dale preached a very acceptable sermon in the Methodist church.

Mr. J. R. North and his daughter, Miss Clara, of the Fort, visited the district last week.

Messrs. Lidgate, James and Wilson, of Qu'Appelle Station, were visitors in our midst last Sabbath.

Mr. Johnson, from Ontario, arrived lately, and is staying with Mr. John Tate.

Who will be the next? Sure buggies are the rage now, a sure sign of good future prospects, and unbounded faith in our country.

Vernon Views.

From our own correspondent.

Seeding is a thing of the past for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miles, of Deep Lake, were visiting their relations in this locality part of Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Bunn completed the chimney of the church on Thursday.

Mr. Munson, of the Fort, is again working at the church, and we understand he intends to stay with it till the mason work is completed.

Mrs. Macdonald made her husband a present of a baby daughter a short time ago.

Two of our young men drove to Mr. Hill's on Sunday evening, and took a row on the lake.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. F. G. Whiting is weed inspector for this side of the track.

Miss Jones returned to Balgonie on Friday after a short visit with her parents.

Mr. M. Pinder, of Edgeley, paid us a visit this week.

Miss Langston is now in charge of the hotel dining room at the Fort.

Sunny South.

From our own correspondent.

Mr. T. McLean is thinking seriously of disposing of all his sheep. He has only four.

Mr. Dunsmore has finished his house and has moved his family from Qu'Appelle Station. Mrs. Dunsmore is highly delighted with her new neighbors.

Rev. Mr. Robison has decided to hold services every Sunday in future. That these services are appreciated is shown by the large attendance.

Rev. Mr. Dobbs held service in St. Charles on Sunday last. He will not be with us again for five weeks.

The wheel is nearly all in with a lot of new ones. The farmers will soon be following the breaking plow again.

Messrs. Gore and Lindsell and Mr. J. B. Brown and family paid a visit to Whitewood, the home of Mr. T. McLean, on Monday last.

There is a regular procession of top buggies going south this year.

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New Insurance Paid for in 1898, \$152,063,336. Total Assets, \$215,944,811. Net Gain in Insurance in Force, \$67,000,135. Total Paid for Insurance in Force January 1st, 1899, \$944,021,120.

	1897	1898	INCREASE
Total new premiums and annuities	\$6,629,813	\$7,560,503	\$930,690
Renewal premiums	26,311,143	27,951,744	1,640,601
Interest, rents, etc.	8,812,124	9,709,268	897,144
Total income	41,753,084	45,421,516	3,668,432
Death claims	—	—	—
Endowments and annuities	\$14,052,269	\$15,399,978	\$1,347,709
Dividends and other payments to policyholders	5,750,544	6,198,887	448,343
Loans to policyholders during the year 1898, at 5 per cent. interest	3,777,907	4,015,344	237,437
Total to policyholders	23,580,724	25,614,110	2,033,386
ANNUALS	—	—	—
Accruals in force January 1, 1899	\$4,900,440	\$15,914,811	\$11,014,371
Total number of policies in force	877,000,939	915,212,120	38,211,181
SLIP-UPS	—	—	—
Additional policy reserves set aside by the Company	\$68,372,001	\$7,828,626	—
Surplus reserve funds voluntarily set aside by the Company	—	15,414,281	15,414,281
Other funds for all other contingencies	—	8,420,319	8,420,319

PARTICULAR NOTICE.

1. No policy or sum of insurance is included in the Company's report for 1898, as a new contract or otherwise, except where the full renewed premium thereon is included by the contract, less the full paid to the Company in 1898.
2. The rate of interest on the total amount of outstanding loans is 5 per cent. which is higher than that of 1897.
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